

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A nutrition ~~Nutrition~~ trace element composition, characterised in that one daily dose of the composition contains 0.04 - 2 mg of selenium and/or 10 mg - 100 mg of zinc as trace element(s), wherein iron is not contained as a trace element.
2. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim ~~Claim~~ 1, characterised in that the composition exists as an infusion solution.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim ~~Claim~~ 2, characterised in that the infusion solution exists in a form suitable for parenteral administration.
4. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1—3~~, characterised in that it exists as a concentrate with 0.004 mg - 0.2 mg/ml of selenium and/or 1 mg - 10 mg/ml of zinc.
5. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1—4~~, characterised in that it exists as an aqueous solution for injection purposes.
6. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1, ~~one of the Claims 1—5, characterised in that~~ further comprising other trace elements ~~are present, which are~~ selected from the group consisting of chromium, fluorine, iodine, copper, manganese and molybdenum.
7. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1—6~~, characterised in that the composition is formulated as a 10-ml infusion solution.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Administration unit of a~~ The composition according to claim 1  
~~one of the Claims 1—7~~, characterised in that it exists as an aqueous solution in an  
ampoule.
- 9-13. (Cancelled)
10. (New) A method of nutrition of humans, comprising administering to a human  
selenium and/or zinc, wherein the daily dose of selenium is in the range from 0.04 mg  
– 2 mg and the daily dose of zinc is in the range from 10 mg – 100 mg, and wherein  
the trace element iron is not administered to the human.
11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the human is an intensive care patient or a  
sepsis patient.
12. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the daily dose of selenium amounts to at  
least 0.5 mg and the daily dose of zinc amounts to at least 10 mg.
13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the trace elements are administered  
parenterally.
14. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises administering  
other trace elements selected from the group consisting of chromium, fluorine, copper,  
iodine, copper, manganese and molybdenum.
15. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the trace elements are administered for a  
period of at least 3 days.
16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the trace elements are administered for a  
period of at least 5 days.